

## Ballooning Report Japan 2011

During CIA Tokyo as everybody knows a huge earth quake and the following tsunami attacked north east part of Honshu Island.

This caused a tremendous casualty and damage to may social infrastructure.

No fatal report among balloonists fortunately, but many lost their houses, office facilities. heavy damage and business. Many of them still on way to recovery.

We like to report that Balloon Federation of Japan received heartfelt support from may people and organization within Japan and overseas to support balloonist victims.

We say special thanks to Balloon Federation of America and Federation Francaise D'Aerostation who offered a considerable donation for the victim. Thank you very much for all.

Immediately after the trouble some balloon events are cancelled but many others are held wishing to encourage for those suffered.

Watarase is 100 km north from Tokyo, the most important balloon area of Japan. There is a movement to make this area as one of the sanctioned area by Ramsar Convention.

If this happens we worry it might affect our airspace for ballooning.

Report from Japan, Thank you very much,